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## State Treasurer Finds \$100,000 for Fond du Lac Resident

Woman came to search the Unclaimed Property Database during the recent Outreach Tour

**Madison** - State Treasurer Dawn Marie Sass will be sending a check for \$102,774.70 to a Fond du Lac resident who didn't know the state was holding her unclaimed property. The woman, who will remain anonymous to respect her privacy, came to meet State Treasurer Sass at the Fond du Lac Public Library Thursday Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>. That was the first stop of a 3 day, 7 county Unclaimed Property Outreach Tour.

"We had a line of people waiting for us in Fond du Lac hoping to search the Unclaimed Property Database," said Treasurer Sass. "This was one of those occasions where a Wisconsin resident got the surprise of her life and will get her money back...money she didn't even know she had!"

This lucky Wisconsin resident had unclaimed property in the form of stocks. Unclaimed property consists of un-cashed payroll checks, utility refunds, stocks, dividends and safe deposit box contents. Under Wisconsin Statute, after 1 to 5 years of inactivity businesses are mandated to turn all unclaimed money, stock and safe deposit boxes to the State Treasurer's office for safekeeping.

"This is why I have visited every county in the State the past three years and will go to every county this year," said Treasurer Sass. "There are nearly 1 million accounts of unclaimed property in Wisconsin totaling more than \$350 million and residents need to know if they have missing money."

State Treasurer Sass visited public libraries in Fond du Lac, Port Washington, Sheboygan, Chilton, Manitowoc and Kewaunee and wrapped up the tour in Fish Creek for the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Winter Festival. More than 200 people visited with the State Treasurer and searched the database.

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